



the Shelton Statement

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New Time, New World ... New Shelton Shelton Digs In For New Campus

Braving the rain and wind, over 500 people turned out for Shelton State's long-awaited ceremony on October 11. Construction for the college's new campus begins immediately, and the first phase which will house Shelton's technical programs should be completed by December 1995. The second phase which will include the academic programs and service offices will be completed in 1997.

The new campus will contain approximately 524,000 square feet and will cost approximately \$43,000,000. The structure will be built on 170 acres located on Old Highway 69 South. The new campus for the Alabama Fire College, a division of Shelton, will be built in the back section of the property and will contain approximately 45,000 square feet.

The keynote speaker for the ground breaking was Alabama Governor Jim Folsom.

Other speakers for the event included: State Board of Education members Victor Poole and Ethel Hall; Ruby Miller, a member of the college's faculty; Conroy Marshall, student at the college; local businessman Roland Pugh, who is an alumnus of the college; and Maxie Thomas, county coordinator for the Highway and Safety Department. Sandra Ray, a member of the Shelton State Foundation Board of Directors, was the emcee for the event.

Victor Poole
Alabama State Board of Education

Over 400 community leaders joined the Shelton faculty and staff for a reception at the Sheraton Capstone following the ground-breaking ceremony. During the reception, Steve Shelton was introduced as the chairman of Shelton's new Capital Campaign, University of Alabama president Roger Sayers and Stillman College president Cordell Wynn were also part of the program for the evening.

For Shelton president Tom Umphrey and his staff, the evening was a culmination of many years of work, hopes, and dreams. Enrollment is expected to increase to over 10,000 students by the end of the decade.

Tom Umphrey
Shelton State President



State Board of Education member Victor Poole, Shelton alum Roland Pugh, Birmingham attorney Charlie Waldrop, Capital Campaign chair Steve Shelton, Shelton president Tom Umphrey, and Alabama Governor Jim Folsom turn over the first shovel-fulls of dirt at the new Shelton State Community College site. Numerous state and local dignitaries were on hand to witness the opening of a new chapter in the history of Shelton State.

Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel Establishes Office At Shelton

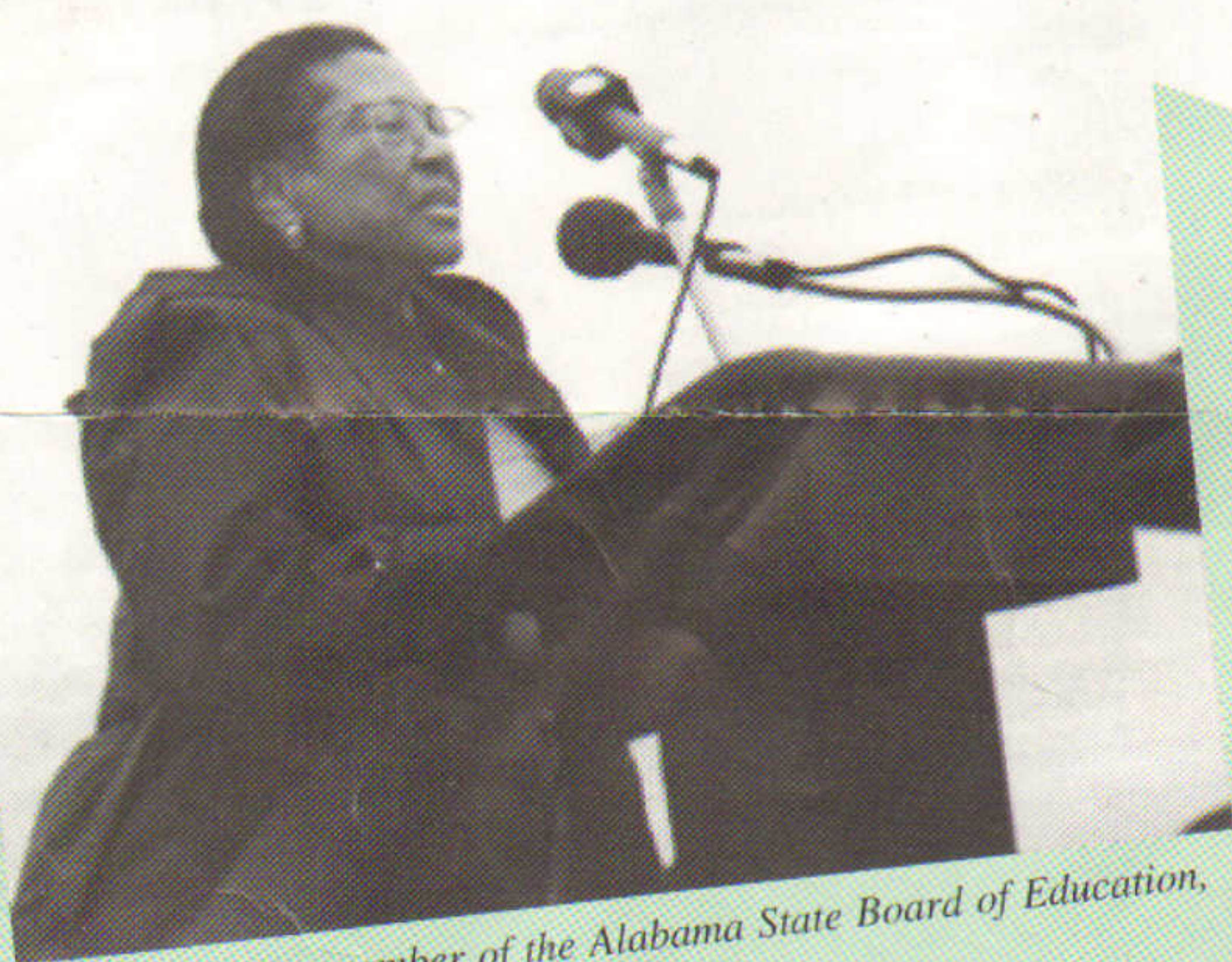
The Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel has established a partnership with Shelton State Community College in order for Shelton students enrolled in the college's travel and tourism program to have an opportunity to work for the department as part of an internship program. This arrangement was recently finalized through the joint efforts of Terri Denard, assistant director of the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel, and Terry Merritt, director of the travel and tourism program at the college. The new office will be located on Shelton's Fifteenth Street Campus.

Merritt sees this is an exciting project and believes Shelton is fortunate to secure this type of arrangement. The bureau has hired a coordinator, Paul Lawrence, who will assist student interns and help cover the 1-800-ALABAMA telephone number. Lawrence will coordinate calls coming through this number. Calls will be answered at Shelton after the regular business hours in Montgomery, giving tourists the opportunity to talk with someone. At the end of each day, data received from the 1-800 telephone number will be uploaded to the Montgomery office. This enables the bureau to

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State Senator Ryan DeGraffenreid, City Councilman Jack Kubiszyn, School Board member Sandra Ray, County Commissioner Sammy Swindle, Shelton president Tom Umphrey, and County Probate Judge Hardy McCollum at the ground-breaking ceremony for Shelton's new campus.



Dr. Ethel Hall, a member of the Alabama State Board of Education, speaks at the ground-breaking ceremony.

Shelton Names New Lawn and Turf Instructor

Ted Mitchell has been named the new instructor for the college's lawn and turf program, according to Shelton president Tom Umphrey. Mitchell comes to Tuscaloosa from Birmingham where he has been active in lawn design and maintenance.

He is a graduate of Auburn University with a B.S. degree in ornamental horticulture and landscape design. Mitchell holds a professional license in landscape design, landscape maintenance and plant installation, nursery dealership, and ornamental turf and pest control. He recently completed a project where he served as coordinator for landscape projects for the city of Irondale.

From 1977-1980, Mitchell worked for the Birmingham Board of Education where he designed the curriculum in ornamental horticulture landscaping. From 1985-1990, he taught adult education courses in Birmingham that included landscape design, landscape maintenance, and floral arrangement.

Mitchell hopes to see Shelton's lawn and turf program evolve from a certificate into an associate degree program. He hopes to offer courses that could lead to a license in four areas: landscape design; nursery management; ornamental turf and pest control; and landscape maintenance and plant installation.

Mitchell is also active and teaches courses for his church in Birmingham. He is also an aerobics instructor and works with children's theater.

Shelton Announces Computerization of Library Facilities

Shelton State Community College recently celebrated the implementation of its new computerized library system. Shelton State is one of two sites in Alabama to install an integrated on-line library system purchased from Dynix, Inc., a unit of Ameritech Library Services. The other site in the state is the Lister Hill Medical Library located at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The project is the result of a two-year process that included installation or wiring and equipment and preparations of facilities in order to handle the electronic hardware. During the past summer, over 30,000 books were bar coded by the Shelton State library faculty and staff over a three-day period.

According to Debbie Grimes, director of library services for the college, the bar coding project was accomplished with amazing speed. "The library faculty and staff worked very hard to get the collection completely bar coded during the three-day period. I am proud of their work and of the help we received from volunteers," Grimes said.

Shelton's library computer system runs on a RISC/6000 IBM computer and currently supports 10 work stations and/or terminals. The system includes a public access catalog, circulation module, cataloging module, and reserve book room module. All modules interact so that changes in one are universally transferred to the others.

"When a new book is categorized, it is immediately listed in the public access catalog so that users will know that it is available. Users at the public access terminals also know if a book is checked out and can review their own records to see which books they have checked out. The catalog displays a notice for a title that is placed on reserve, or limited circulation, by an instructor, informing the library user that the item is available at the circulation desk," Grimes said.

One public access terminal is equipped with special features for the visually impaired. It provides voice synthesis to "read" the screen to the user. Another alternative is large print on the screen, which is easily accessed through the use of a computer mouse.

Other features of the system include an on-line American Heritage Electronic Dictionary, word finder, and abbreviations finder. Users of the system can create their own on-line bibliographies and reading lists and can print copies in a variety of bibliographic formats. Another special feature is the "best sellers" list, which provides a list of books available in the Shelton State Library that are chosen from current best selling titles.

One of the most important functions of the new library computer system is to streamline management functions such as record-keeping, statistical analysis, and report writing. In addition to providing numerous options for reports on circulation, acquisitions, and library uses, the system provides an electronic mail package for library faculty and staff.

As part of the college's celebration, employees and students received the first bar codes issued for the new system. In addition, former library employees were also recognized.

"Libraries are cumulative enterprises. Successful operation today is built not only upon the good work of the current library staff but also upon the work of everyone who came before. That's why we want to recognize former library employees - they helped develop the collections, organize the materials, and provide the services," Grimes said.

At present the system is available only at the Junior College Library located on the Skyland Campus. Records for all library books titles, regardless of campus location, are included in the database. The system has the capacity to provide a catalog and circulation system for multiple campus collections and to include audiovisual materials and other formats. Long-range plans include the extension of the library system to other Shelton State campuses.

Also planned for the future is dial access, through which off-site users from any location can call into the computer system through their own computer/modem connections.

University of Alabama president Roger Sayers shares ideas with Shelton State's Capital Campaign chairman Steve Shelton. Sayers and Shelton were on hand for the reception after the ground-breaking ceremony.



Shelton Approved To Offer Respiratory Therapy Program

Shelton's respiratory therapy program was approved recently by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, thus becoming the third respiratory therapy program to be offered in the state by a two year college. Respiratory therapy programs are already offered by Wallace State Community College in Hanceville and Wallace State Community College in Dothan.

This year thirteen allied health programs were identified by the Office of Postsecondary Education in Montgomery as "critical need programs" but Shelton's respiratory therapy program was one of only two to receive approval by ACHE.

Shelton's new respiratory program is now offered in cooperation with DCH Regional Medical Center and becomes a new venture between the hospital and the college, according to Shelton president Tom Umphrey.

"Respiratory therapy must be administered through an academic setting, and we've been working with DCH, the Office of Postsecondary Education, and ACHE for the past two years in order to get program approval. Respiratory therapy is a program that is needed by health professionals in our community. We are proud it was selected by ACHE and we have implemented the program this fall," said Umphrey.

"Shelton's respiratory therapy program will be of great benefit to the people in West Alabama who are interested in a career in this area," Umphrey said.

"It makes sense that these two public institutions combine efforts to establish this respiratory care technology program," said Bryan N. Kindred, executive vice president/chief operations officer of the DCH Healthcare Authority. "Shelton State has a mission to provide post secondary education in academic, technical and occupational fields, and DCH has a mission to provide for the health care needs of the people of West Alabama."

"This program will help accomplish both missions by providing trained professionals for health care facilities throughout the region served by DCH and Shelton State," he said. "DCH has a long commitment to training health care professionals. DCH is the clinical training site for almost 1,000 students in various medical fields every year."

Shelton offers both a certificate and an associate degree in respiratory care. According to Evelyn Mettee, who works with the professional phase of the college's business and industry program, respiratory therapy is a four semester program and students will normally take 14-16 hours each semester.

"There are two career levels for a respiratory career practitioner - the respiratory therapy technician and the more advanced respiratory therapist or RRT. Technicians complete programs that vary in total length from 12 to 18 months. Therapists complete an associate or bachelor degree," Mettee said.

DCH provides space for the program along with equipment and supplies. Located in



Some of the college's administrative team join Shelton president Tom Umphrey during the ground-breaking ceremony.

Shelton Receives Approval For Two New Programs

Shelton State receives approval this past summer from the Department of Postsecondary Education Montgomery to offer two short certificate programs entitled Water Operator and Waste Water Operator. These two new programs will be taught at the Alabama Water Resource Center, a division of the college that is located in south Tuscaloosa County, and will be coordinated by Shelton instructors Peggy Reese and Tim Bassett.

Each program consists of 26 credit hours, according to Reese. The programs are comprised of four specialty areas with half of the classes in water and waste water training. The other classes, such as microbiology, are offered as part of the curriculum in both programs.

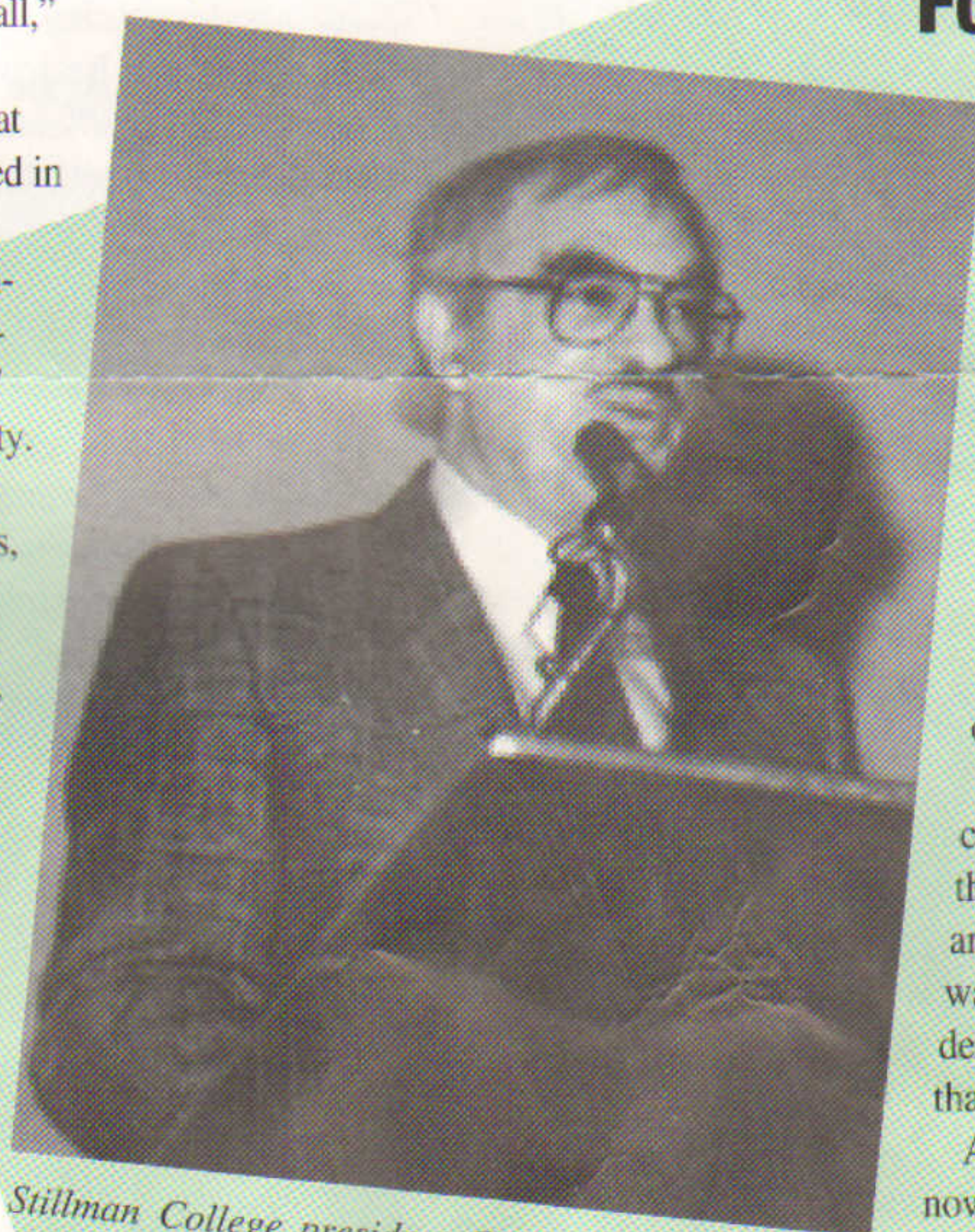
According to Reese, most of the students now taking the courses are employed by a municipality within the state. "In the future we hope to recruit students into the programs who are interested in environmental issues. These water and wastewater programs compliment an environmental area. Students in the programs can take the certificates to industries that have water and wastewater concerns," said Reese.

According to Shelton vice president Ted Spring, the state is now requiring water and wastewater operators to continue their education, and these two certificate courses are the college's response to this new requirement.

"The federal government has renewed interest in environ-

mental issues under the Clinton administration. We hope that young people in the community who are looking for careers in environmental programs will consider these programs," Spring said.

Currently, the classes are offered at night. However, in the Spring semester classes will be offered in traditional time slots during the day as well as during the evenings and on Saturdays. For more information on the programs, call the Alabama Water Resource Center, 371-6750.



Stillman College president Coredell Wynn speaks at the reception following Shelton's ground-breaking ceremonies

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Leah Ann Sexton, a Shelton Alum and a member of the Shelton State Foundation Board of Directors, at the reception following the ground-breaking ceremony.

Dear Friends,

Our dream is becoming a reality. On October 11, Shelton held the official ground-breaking ceremony that officially "kicked-off" construction of our new campus.

Many honored guests were there for the event, including Governor Jim Folsom. That evening many people from the community joined us for a reception at the Sheraton Capstone. Hosts for the evening were: Jim Boone; Bob Tanner; Steve Shelton; Charles Land; Drew Linn; Roland Pugh; Victor Poole; Jimmy Hinton; George Hinton; Ryan deGraffenreid; Phillip Bobo; Beverly Phifer; A.H. Bean; Anthony Topazi and Dick Johnson.

Thank you for your support of our new campus efforts. For West Alabama, it is indeed a "New Time, New World, New Shelton."

Tom Umphrey
President

Tourism Program

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mail out brochures and other materials the very next day," said Merritt.

"During peak advertising periods in the fall and spring, we anticipate four to six Shelton student interns will be needed to help with these calls. This project allows our students to learn about tourism in the state, and in addition, it allows them to talk to tourists from around the world," Merritt said.

"Our arrangement with Shelton State Community College provides a more thorough coverage of the telephone calls the bureau receives from around the world. We are happy to be associated with Shelton State in order to give Alabama a further edge on the tourism market," said Wayne Greenhaw, director of Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about Shelton's travel and tourism program should contact Merritt, 391-2917.



Capital Campaign Chairman Steve Shelton joins Tommy Hester at the reception on October 11.



Respiratory Therapy Program

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close proximity to the hospital, the respiratory therapy program is housed at 408-C Bryant Drive. Fifteen students are enrolled in the program this Fall semester, and the current capacity for respiratory therapy program is 18 students. However, when the college moves to its new campus, the program will expand to 25 students.

"Shelton has secured clinical affiliation agreements with Bryan Whitfield Memorial Hospital in Demopolis, Bessemer Carraway Hospital, Fayette County Hospital, Four Rivers medical Center in Selma, Pickens County Hospital, and Northport Hospital-DCH," said Bruce Spruell, director of the new program. "The fact that so many other hospitals have signed up as clinical sites is indicative of the need for well-trained respiratory practitioners in this area. We, at Shelton State, are committed to giving them just that," he said.

One of Shelton's counselors, Brenda Ryan, will be the college liaison for the program. Mrs. Ryan will be responsible for counseling students and will advise them on academic prerequisites the program requires. The next class will not begin until fall 1995. However, students who are interested in entering the program are encouraged to complete the required academics before entering the respiratory therapy program.

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